



## Police Appreciation Party Planned for May 2

Panorama residents love their Police Department, and a group of volunteers led by Tracy Lottinger have planned an Appreciation Party for May 2 to let them know how much we care.

The party will be held in the old fire station on Hiwon on Monday, May 2 from 5:30 to 6:30 pm. There will be a meet and greet for Chief Tracy Hudgins and his crew, followed by a presentation of gift cards, certificates and other goodies.

Be sure to stop by and show your appreciation for all they do to keep our little city safe and free of crime. It's one of the things that make Panorama Village special!

### To report a "life or death" emergency or "disturbance in progress" call 9-1-1.

That will route the call to the law enforcement agency that can get to the emergency quickest and make a digital recording of the call. For non-emergency calls, dial 936-856-7777. Select Option 1 to route the call to the Montgomery County dispatch so you can leave a message. Select Option 2 to reach the PV police officer on call.



Officer Madison Hock is one of several Panorama police officers who patrol our streets 24/7 in search of law breakers or citizens who need help.



## A choice of new clubs for the clubhouse

Longtime Panorama resident and former City Councilman Dean Witt was a true character and everyone knew it. He built this ornate golf-oriented mailbox for his house on Hiwon. Everyone loved it, except his wife, Charley. When he died several years ago, we knew it wasn't long for the world, so Mayor Scott asked if we could relocate it elsewhere. Now it occupies a position of honor in front of the clubhouse. Stop and admire it when you're passing by. It will bring a smile to your face.



## Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration moved to July 2

Our official recognition of fifty years as the City of Panorama Village will be observed on Saturday, July 2 in the clubhouse with a party and reception from 4:00 to 8:00 pm. We will have refreshments and lots more. Stay tuned for details to come next month.



## ON THE TEE BOX *With Ruthie McGrath*

Remember back in January, the article was about New Year's Resolutions for golf?? Most people included something about practicing more. I heard a story about a golf instructor who said a member marched into the pro shop and announced, "I've hit 50 balls every week for the past six weeks and I'm still not getting better."

The instructor asked him: "What do you want to get better at?" He replied: "Hitting the golf ball, of course!" You probably had to smile at his answer as you know why he wasn't getting better. Practice for beginners or many golfers is hitting balls at the golf range. That kind of practice just limits your ability to improve.

Our bodies are not made to hit golf balls, but do have the ability to adapt and refine a skill. The experts say practice needs to be specific and done to meet goals you have set. So if you are wanting to hit down a narrow tree lined fairway, will hitting 35 balls towards the 250 yard sign help much?

Taking a lesson to improve a skill can give you the correct technique and then practice will teach your body the muscle memory needed to repeat the swing correctly. Continue practicing as

a routine. Try and make some of your practice fun with a friend and make a game of it and keep points for a little competition.

It is also recommended that you make your practice more challenging as time goes on. Other things that can be a part of your practice are: keeping your arms straight and extended, holding your position after your shot is finished, hitting straight through to the target and not stopping. If you have trouble with distance of your putts, an easy practice would be to place pieces of string at various distances away and putting to the first one and then the second one and so on, so that you get the feel of the distance.

Everyone's golf game is different so your practices will be different also. Pay attention to what you have trouble with during your round of golf. Use those things to build a useful practice time and hopefully you will see improvement in your game.

If you would be willing to share a successful practice experience, email me at [golflady103@gmail.com](mailto:golflady103@gmail.com) and I could put some of them together for another article at a later time.

## Early voting for May 7 election

Early voting for the May 7 city election started on April 25 and will continue until May 3 at the North Montgomery County Community Center, 600 Gerald Street in Willis. Go there if you wish to avoid the election day crowds.

## Ladies Association meeting May 6

The Panorama Ladies Association will once again be welcoming cast members from the Crighton Theatre to enact scenes, including song and dance numbers, from their upcoming performance of Grease. The meeting is Friday, May 6 with check-in at 10:30 followed the entertainment at 11:00 and lunch at noon. Call Jeanie Jackson at 936-494-5682 for more information.

## Garden Club to learn about butterflies and hummingbirds

The Panorama Garden Club will travel to the Montgomery County Extension Center on May 19 for a master gardener presentation on "Butterfly and Hummingbird Gardens." Members and guests are asked to gather in the golf club parking lot at 9:30 am. The meeting will be followed by lunch at a place to be determined. Call Kim King at 281-216-2015 for details.

## To report street lights out

On any given night, many Panorama street lights are out and need attention. You can call 1-800-9OUTAGE (968-8243) and give the approximate address of the defective light and Entergy will send a crew to repair it or replace the bulb within several days.

## Yard of the Month

Sandy Lundy  
36 Westchester

